will continue to apprise the international community of the facts regarding developments in Jammu & Kashmir in the correct perspective. Most countries have endorsed and accepted the Simla Agreement as the appropriate framework for the conduct of relations between India and Pakistan and resolution of any bilateral differences.

Joint Statements given by Indian and Thai PM's

1721. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint statement was issued by the Prime Ministers of India and Thailand after the conclusion of the visit of our Prime Minister to that country; and

(b) if so, what are the salient points of the statement; and

(c) whether the two countries/ agreed to strengthen cooperation in combating all forms of cross-border. terrorism and its nexus with drug trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir, a Joint Press Statement was issued. ..

(b) The Joint Press Statement mentioned, inter alia, the goodwill and friendship underlying the relations between the two countries; the resolve to further increase economic, trade and investment interaction both at the official and private sectors; and to complete drug trafficking and its nexus with terrorism.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Extradition of Memon Brothers

1722. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any breakthrough was made between our Prime Minister and the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shri Nawaz Shriff during their recent meeting in Dhaka on the extradition of Memon brothers; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Prime Minister met the Prime Minister of Pakistan on 11 April, 1993 during the SAARC Summit at Dhaka.

Prime Minister told the Prime Minister of Pakistan that statements and assurances from Pakistan notwithstanding, nothing had been done by Pakistan to locate and to return to India the members of the Memon family, the main suspects in the Bombay bomb blasts who were in Pakistan; and unless this issue is resolved and Pakistan ceases its support to terrorism and subversion directed against India, a conduosive climate for meaningful discussions on bilateral issues will be lacking.

Pakistan Prime Minister stated that a task force had been set up to look into the case and assured that full investigations would be conducted in the case. However, unfortunately, there has been no progress in the matter.

Agreement between Indian and Myanmar

1723. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 268 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28-4-93 and state:

(a) what would be the likely impact of the agreements; and

b) to what extent the situation would improve in the region?